



Planning Commission

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
June 1, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners Present:** Barnali Ghosh, Savlan Hauser, Robb Kapla, Elisa Mikiten, Chip Moore, Christina Oatfield, Alfred Twu, Jeff Vincent, and Brad Wiblin (joined late).

**Staff Present:** Secretary Alene Pearson, Clerk Zoe Covello, Grace Wu, and Justin Horner.

**2. ORDER OF AGENDA:** Chair Mikiten asked to take public comment on and vote to continue Item 10 before hearing Item 9.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 2**

**4. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:**

- In May, the City launched a new website – we are working to get our archives back online. If members of the public would like to request a record, they must file a PRA.
- Future agenda items:
  - o July 6 Planning Commission meeting:
    - Workplan for Planning Commission
    - Presentation from staff on a couple of Housing Element-related referrals:
      - Affordable Housing Overlay
      - Additional density in Southside

**Information Items:** None.

**Communications:**

- General.

**Late Communications:** *See agenda for links.*

- Supplemental Packet One
- Supplemental Packet Two

**5. CHAIR REPORT:**

Chair Mikiten will be attending the City Council meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2022 to represent the Planning Commission and share the recommendations the Commission made at the public hearing held on April 6, 2022 regarding the Ashby and North Berkeley BART Station Areas.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORT:** Reports by Commission committees or liaisons. In addition to the items below, additional matters may be reported at the meeting.

- Workplan Subcommittee: Chair Mikiten reported that she is currently updating the referral spreadsheet from last year and noted that a discussion about the workplan will be on the July Planning Commission meeting agenda.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion/Second/Carried (Twu/Hauser) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2022.

Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Mikiten, Oatfield, Twu, and Vincent. Noes: None. Abstain: Moore and Kapla. Absent: Wiblin. (6-0-2-1)

**8. OTHER PLANNING RELATED EVENTS:**

- None.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. Discussion: Objective Standards for Middle Housing**

Acting Principal Planner Grace Wu and consultant Ben Noble presented on proposed residential objective standards in the R-1, R1A, R-2, R-2A, and MUR Districts in response to City Council referrals for Missing Middle Housing and to End Exclusionary Zoning. The Planning Commission asked questions, took public comment, and provided feedback.

**Public Comments: 7**

**10. Discussion: Planning Commission 2022-2023 Workplan**

Motion/Second/Carried (Vincent/Mikiten) to continue the item at 7:18 p.m.

Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Mikiten, Moore, Oatfield, Twu, and Vincent. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wiblin. (8-0-0-1)

**Public Comments: 1**

Motion/Second/Carried (Kapla/Vincent) to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Ayes: Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Mikiten, Moore, Oatfield, Twu, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None.  
Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

**Members in the public in attendance: 12**

**Public Speakers: 10**

**Length of the meeting: 2 hr 27 minutes**



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Alene Pearson  
Planning Commission Secretary